authorised construction of additional rooms particularly in Sarojini Nagar for the purpose of sub-letting;

(b) whether Government propose to demolish such construction; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action against Government servants found guilty on that score?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Sabha.

Nationalisation of Rivers

166. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering nationalisaton of rivers in the country;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to link the rivers of southern peninsula to help solve the acute water scarcity in some region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) National Water Development Agency has a programme for studying inter-basin transfer of water of the peninsular rivers and preparation of feasibility reports of 17 water transfer links. The Agency has completed pre-feasibility reports on 7 such water transfer links. The implementation of links would increase the irrigation facilities in the drought prone areas.

Target for production of steel

167. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the production of steel during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) what was the achievement during 1990-91;

(c) what were the reasons for not fulfilling the targets; and

(d) the steps taken to achieve the target set for 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Expected production of finished steel in the two years is given below:

(Million tonnes)

	Finished Steel
1990-91	14·4
1991-92	14·5

(b) Production of finished steel in 1990-91 was 13.4 million tonnes.

(c) In 1990-91, the shortfall in SAIL plants was mainly due to following reasons:—

(1) Inadequate receipts of indigenous coking coal, both in terms of quality and quantity.

(2) Low stocks and fluctuating supplies of grade-wise coking coal resulted in frequent changes in charge coal blend.

(3) On account of above two factors there was an estimated production loss in SAIL plants of about 4.00 lakh tonnes in 1990-91 of crude steel.

(4) There was a shortage of middlings for power plants, particularly at Bokaro. In addition, there was inadequate power supply from Utilities, particularly from DVC Bokaro. On this account there was an estimated production loss of about 1.8 lakh tonnes in 1990-91 of saleable steel.

At Visakhapatnam Steel Plant the Commissioned units are still in the process of stabilisation.